(b) whether there is any such scheme for Ahmedabad, Vadodara, Surat or Rajkot?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir. There is no specific scheme for plantation of trees on either side of Railway lines in cities. Railways have a general policy for doing plantation on vacant land.

(b) No, Sir. However, a small stretch of land admeasuring 1,13,506 Sqm has been given to Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation for plantation.

Lack of toilets due to design of trains

†2095. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the design of some of the trains have been made in such way that toilets have not been provided in them;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that common people are facing much difficulties/inconvenience due to lack of toilets; and

(c) if so, the justification for not providing such basic facilities in the trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (c) By design, MEMU/DEMU/DMU coaches do not have toilets. As a matter of policy, these are meant for journeys up to 160 Kilometres or 4 hours. In case the toilet-less trains are to run for more than 160 Kilometres or a journey time of more than 4 hours, a halt of 30 minutes is provided at an intermediate and suitable station for the convenience of the passengers.

Survey or Kadapa-Bangalore rail line

2096. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact the survey of new railway line from Kadapa to Bangalore has been completed;

(b) if so, the details and outcome of the above proposal;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.